

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Department of History

History 107
3 or 4 credits

Fall Semester 1988
M W F 12:05 p.m.

The History of the University in the West

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Course Description

The course presents an outline of university history in the Western world to introduce students to the history of our civilization. Of necessity it will have to be selective. It will concentrate on universities from their beginnings in the 12th century to our days and will discuss the history of the higher learning, of students and professors in Italy, France, England, Germany, and the United States.

The course addresses itself to freshmen and sophomores of all colleges and departments. It does not require previous course work in European or American history, but assumes that students taking the course are interested in history and eager to find out more about the institution they attend.

The course meets three times a week for lectures and a fourth time for discussions. Requirements consist of assigned readings, two one-hour exams, and a final examination. Students taking the course for 4 credits will be asked to write a paper or complete other equivalent work. All required readings are in English, although students able to read other languages are encouraged to use them.

Required texts are:

Charles H. Haskins, The Rise of Universities (available in bookstores)

Selected Readings for History 107 (available at Kinko's)

Books recommended for additional reading and placed on reserve in the library.

Frederick Rudolph, The American College and University

Willis Rudy, The Universities of Europe, 1100-1914

Charles McClelland, State, Society, and University in Germany, 1700-1914

Assigned Readings:

You are expected to have read the following books or essays by the dates indicated:

September 12: Charles H. Haskins, The Rise of Universities, first half

September 19: Charles H. Haskins, The Rise of Universities, entire book

September 26: From J. Bronowski and Bruce Mazlish, The Western Intellectual Tradition, pp. 180-192, 323-335. SR

October 10: Jurgen Herbst, "The 18th Century American College: Responses to Religious Pluralism," Studies on Voltaire and the 18th Century, CLXVII (1977), 85-104. SR

October 17: From Frederic Lilge, The Abuse of Learning, SR

Chapter 5 of Daniel Fallon, The German University SR

October 24: Theodore Zeldin, "Higher Education in France, 1848-1940," Journal of Contemporary History, II (1967), 53-80, SR

Charles C. Gillespie, "English Ideas of the University in the Nineteenth Century," SR

October 31: Jurgen Herbst, "American Higher Education in the Age of the College," SR

November 7: Anne Firor Scott, "What, Then, is the American: This New Woman?" (Journal of American History), LXV (december 1968), 679-703. SR

November 14: Edward Everett, "University Education," SR

November 21: Richard Hofstadter, "The Age of the University," SR

November 28: From Max Weber, "Scholarship as Profession," SR

December 5: Helen L. Horowitz, "The 1960s and the Transformation of Campus Cultures," History of Education Quarterly, XXVI (1986), 1 - 38. SR